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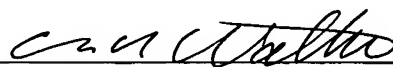
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- a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. ☒ the International Search Report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 1 and 2,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- JP 2000-347946 corresponds to EP 1 045 388;
JP 2002-278859 corresponds to U.S. 2002/00143807 and EP 1 248 433; and
JP 2003-228522 corresponds to U.S. 2003/149886.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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